

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

Present Organization of the Adjutant General's Department

Section 8, Article III of the Constitution, provides that "the Governor shall be Commander-in-Chief of the Militia of the State except when they shall be called into the service of the United States." The State militia is divided into the National Guard, Naval Militia and Unorganized Militia, and, as Commander-in-Chief, the Governor is empowered to call out the militia to execute the law, suppress riots or insurrections, and to repel invasions. He also prescribes regulations governing the organization of the National Guard and Naval Militia in conformity with the Federal statutes.

The military staff is divided into (1) personal staff of the Governor, consisting of ten National Guard officers and two Naval Militia officers as aides-de-camp, and (2) the administrative staff as may be prescribed and authorized by the Secretary of War for the National Guard and the Secretary of the Navy for the Naval Militia.

The head of the Adjutant General's Department is the Adjutant General appointed by the Governor for a term of four years at a salary of \$4,500. The law prescribes that the Adjutant General must have had a minimum of five years of commissioned service in the National Guard, Naval Militia, Regular Army, United States' Navy or Marine Corps. As head of the Department, he is subordinate only to the Governor in matters pertaining thereto. His duties as prescribed by law are to organize, direct and control the militia of this State, to preserve the peace and to protect life and property in emergency through the use of the National Guard, Naval Militia and unorganized Militia, and otherwise execute the military laws and regulations of the United States, the State of North Carolina and Commander-in-Chief. He is also required to make returns of property and expenditures, and to keep the necessary personnel records.

The Governor appoints two property and disbursing officers, who receipt and account for all funds and property belonging to State and Federal governments respectively. Both of these officers are paid by the State and their salaries are fixed by the Governor.

The Soldier Settlement Board, created in 1919, by legislative enactment, consists of three members appointed by the Governor for a term of six years, and who serve without compensation. The Attorney-General is designated as legal advisor.

The primary duty of this Board is the rehabilitation of the ex-service man, and to provide useful employment and rural homes. To this end the Board is directed to cooperate with Federal, State and other agencies engaged in work of similar character. The Board is empowered to contract with the United States in pursuance to acts of